

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, immediately after the title, please insert the following heading:

--Background of the Invention--.

On page 4, lines 4-7, please delete this paragraph as follows:

~~This object is achieved by a device and a method of joining at least two non-circular substrates having the same peripheral shape, in particular for forming an optical data carrier, in accordance with Claim 1 and in accordance with Claim 16 respectively.~~

On page 4, line 8, please insert the following heading:

--Summary of the Invention--

On page 9, line 3, please insert the following heading:

--Brief Description of the Drawings--

On page 10, line 21, please insert the following heading:

--Description of Specific Embodiments--.

On page 22, after line 8, please insert the following two new paragraphs:

--The specification incorporates by reference the disclosure of German priority document 102 13 273.9 filed March 25, 2002 and PCT/EP03/02957 filed March 21, 2003.

The present invention is, of course, in no way restricted to the specific disclosure of the specification and drawings, but also encompasses any modifications within the scope of the appended claims.--

In addition, please add the following "Abstract of the Disclosure" to the specification:

### Abstract of the Disclosure

A device and method are provided for joining at least two non-circular substrates that have inner holes and the same peripheral shape. A receiving unit adapted to the inner holes of the substrates receives the substrates in a spaced-apart manner such that they are rotatable about a common axis. An aligning unit for aligning the substrates has at least one abutment

member and at least one counter abutment member. A displacement means brings outer edges of the substrates into engagement with the abutment member and the counter abutment member.